

CITY OF LAKE FOREST *California*



MARCH NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Village Pond Park Project Update: Contract Awarded to United Engineering & Construction

On Tuesday, March 7, the City Council awarded a \$2.1 million construction contract to United Engineering & Construction to complete the Village Pond Park Improvement Project. In the next week, the site will be fenced off to allow the mobilization of equipment, at which time the park will be closed to the public. Once the project begins, AquaBio Environmental Technologies will supervise the draining of the pond and relocate the turtles, fish, and domestic waterfowl in the park. To stay informed about the project's progress, visit the Village Pond Park's webpage or subscribe to the mailing list.

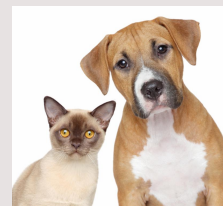
[Village Pond Park Improvement Project Webpage
& Mailing List](#)

Barker Ranch Dog Park Large Dog Enclosure Temporarily Closed for Maintenance

The large dog enclosure at Barker Ranch Dog Park is currently closed for maintenance. Contractors are removing, regrading, and reinstalling synthetic turf, as well as performing underground work to address overflow concerns with the dog fountain. The small dog area is unaffected and will continue to be open for small dogs less than 25 pounds. The large dog enclosure is expected to reopen before March 20. Questions or concerns can be directed to Public Works at 461-3480.

City and Orange County Animal Care Work Together to Lower Pet License Renewal Fees for Lake Forest Residents

Time to renew your dog's licensing fees? You're in for a treat because pet licensing fees are now more affordable! Licensing fees were reduced from \$27 to \$20 for spayed/neutered dogs for Lake Forest residents. In addition, senior citizens now receive a 50% discount on their pet licenses. Renewal of pet licenses can be done [online](#) or in person by picking up an application at City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive) or at the Sports Park and Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway).



Dogs on Leashes Campaign: Rock the Leash, It's the Law

The storms have passed and you're ready to take in the sun at one of our many parks with your furry four-legged friend! Before you head out, remember to Rock the Leash, and join the many others who keep their dogs on leashes in public spaces. If you're caught rocking the leash, you might receive a bandana or other treats by a City representative to thank you for obeying the law. To raise awareness and promote compliance, we're encouraging residents to participate in the following contests to win some great prizes for you and your dog!



1. "Park 'n Leash" Check In Sweepstakes

Deadline: Monday, April 10

It only takes three easy steps to be entered. Participants may visit any one of the City's 31 parks, snap a picture of their dog on a leash, and check in on the [City's Facebook page](#) with a picture of their dog and tag it with #RockTheLeashLF.

2. #RockTheLeashLF Facebook Photo Contest

Deadline: Friday, April 14

Participants are encouraged to take a picture of their dog with a stylish leash and upload the photo on the Rock the Leash photo contest app found on the [City's Facebook page](#) and on the [City's website](#). The contest encourages friends, family, and other pet lovers to vote for their favorite photos. The top three photos with the most votes win!

3. "Say It and Obey It" Leash Tips Contest

Deadline: Tuesday, May 30

With some good leash skills, dogs and their owners can enjoy their walks around parks without the pulling or yanking. If you have a tip to share on how to train or manage your dog to be on a leash, send it to chon@lakeforestca.gov. Tips will be compiled and published in the July/August Leaflet magazine. Like many other aspects of good training, teaching your dog will require some time and effort, but the payoff is a dog that is a pleasure to walk with!

[Dogs on Leashes Community Contests](#)

Don't Make It Easy

Don't get scammed!

PROBLEM

You receive a call or email from someone claiming to be from a bank, government entity, utility company, or a family member. They ask for money or sensitive personal information (e.g. social security, bank account).



DON'T

Give any personal information.

Immediately contact the source to verify the information requested.

Do

Hang up the phone or delete the email.

Do

PHISHING

Phishing is when someone impersonates a business in an attempt to obtain sensitive information (e.g. passwords, credit card numbers) via electronic communications.

RECOGNIZE

Look out for threats of account closures, promises of money with little or no effort, deals sounding too good to be true, donation requests after a disaster, bad grammar and misspellings.

Change passwords

Do

*Change passwords,
logins, and pins for
your accounts.*

*Reply or click on any
links.*

DON'T

PROTECT

Protect yourself from being a victim of identity theft. Shredding services are available through Lake Forest Police Services for Lake Forest Residents. More information at lakeforestca.gov/383

CRIME PREVENTION STARTS WITH YOU

"Take simple steps to protect yourself"

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City Expands and Beautifies Portola Parkway

With over 25,000 daily commuters, the Portola Parkway Widening/Streetscape Improvement project provides much-needed traffic relief, especially during peak commute hours. This recently completed project enhanced the roadway by: (1) adding a third southbound lane between SR-241 and Rancho Parkway, (2) adding a dedicated lane for vehicles exiting SR-241, (3) extending a portion of the sidewalk between SR-241 and Rancho Parkway to improve pedestrian safety, and (4) enhancing aesthetics with drought tolerant plants along with irrigation improvements from SR-241 to El Toro Road.

New Businesses, Be in the Right Zone!

Prospective business owner are encouraged to submit a Zoning Confirmation letter prior to signing a lease to ensure the property is located in the correct area for its intended use. If you are not sure which zone is right for your business or would like a Zoning Confirmation letter, email the [Planning Division](#) or contact Development Services at 461-3491.

Employment Opportunities

The City is recruiting for the following positions. To apply or to view additional opportunities, visit lakeforestca.gov/jobs.

Director of Management Services: Full-time, deadline to apply is March 28 by 5:00 p.m.
Ethnies Skatepark Recreation Leader: Part-time, deadline to apply is March 14 by 5:00 p.m.

Opportunities to do Business with the City

Interested vendors can access upcoming proposal and bid opportunities on the City's website at lakeforestca.gov/proposals. There are also five future opportunities that are listed. At this time, interested firms may review the draft scope of work and provide comments. These comments will be taken into consideration prior to the issuance of a final Request for Bids or Request for Proposals.

- Beverage Recycling Container Project (due March 16 by 2:00 p.m.)
- Serrano Summit Tract 17331/Civic Center Phase 1 Rough Grading Services (due March 30 by 2:00 p.m.)

Two Ways to Support the Lake Forest Adopted Marines

The Support Committee is announcing two opportunities to support the Lake Forest U.S.M.C. 1st Law Enforcement Battalion. Here is how you can help:

- Bring this flyer to [Luna Grill](#) (23625 El Toro Road, Suite A) on Wednesday, March 29 or Thursday, March 30, where 20% of food charges will go to support the Marines and their families.
- Register your Ralphs Rewards Card (or obtain one and register it) with the Ralphs' Community Contribution Program. A percentage of the purchases made using registered Rewards cards will be donated to benefit our adopted Marines and their families. Step-by-step instructions are found at Ralphs.com. Call 1-800-443-4438 for assistance. The organization full name is Lake Forest USMC Support Committee and the NPO number is #81992.



[Click for More Info](#)

Irvine Ranch Water District Fix a Leak Contest, Two Ways to Win!

Deadline: Friday, March 31

The Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) launched a Fix a Leak contest for IRWD customers. Participants can earn a chance to win \$100 for each photo showing them fixing a leak. Customers can also earn a chance to win \$500 for completing IRWD's easy online water efficiency training. Winners will be notified via email by April 28.

[IRWD Contest Page](#)

Friday, March 17
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

The City and SCORE are hosting a free Women Entrepreneur's Forum designed for current and prospective women entrepreneurs. The event will feature a panel discussion with Lake Forest female entrepreneurs, exhibitor booths, and round table discussions. Topics will cover sales, marketing, leadership strategies, and strategic partnerships. Light breakfast refreshments will be provided. RSVP with [Economic Development](#) or call 461-3558.



Springtime Means Gardening Time - Free OC Garden Friendly Event

Saturday, March 18
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Huntington Beach Home Depot (7100 Warner Ave.)

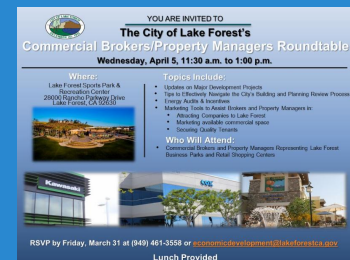
Come and speak with local experts on water-efficient gardening and get special discounts on new plants ideal for Orange County at an upcoming local OC Garden Friendly event in Huntington Beach.



Commercial Broker/Property Manager Workshop

Wednesday, April 5
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sports Park and Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Commercial brokers and property managers that represent Lake Forest business parks and retail centers are invited to attend the Commercial Broker/Property Manager Workshop. The workshop will include updates on the City's major development projects, information on the City's business resources, and insights on how to successfully navigate the City's planning and building review process. Lunch will be provided. RSVP with [Economic Development](#) or call 461-3558.



Lights, Camera, Safety! Video Contest

Deadline: Monday, April 10

If you like being on camera, here is your chance to be in the spotlight! Submit a brief 15-second or less video sharing a safety tip or two on how to keep you, your family, and property safe. Selected videos will be featured in a City crime prevention video and be entered into a raffle drawing for a chance to win a Wireless Security Camera and other safety prizes!

[Video Contest Rules](#)

Sportswriter Contest

Deadline: Monday, May 22

If you have a passion for a sport, here's your chance to share it with the community. In 300 words or less, submit an article to chon@lakeforestca.gov about any sports-related topic. From writing about a popular sport, to describing plays, mind blowing games, the atmosphere, fans, or any other sports angle, there's plenty to write about! Selected winners will have their articles featured in The Leaflet magazine and win sports-related goodies!



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The public session starts at 7:00 p.m. Full agendas and City Council Previews providing an overview of each agenda item can be accessed [here](#).

- Tuesday, March 21, 2017
- Tuesday, April 4, 2017
- Tuesday, April 18, 2017
- Tuesday, May 2, 2017

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 2017

To Register: Visit [Lake Forest Recreation](#), mail or hand-deliver the Lake Forest Activities Registration Form to City Hall (25550 Commercentre Drive) or to the Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Parkway). For more information, call 461-3450 or 273-6960.

South County Pet Expo and "Dog-a-Palooza"

Saturday, March 11 (Rescheduled from February 18)

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sports Park and Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

In partnership with Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, the Pet Adoption Center of Orange County, and Mount of Olives Church, Mission Viejo, we invite you to the South County Pet Expo and Dog-a-Palooza on Saturday, March 11. The event will feature:

- A "Blessings of the Animals" for all pets at 1:00 p.m. provided by Mount of Olives Church
- A Dog-a-Palooza parade
- Over 20 rescue groups with adoptable pets
- Canine demonstrations
- Pet products and services
- Food trucks, music, and fun for families and pets



Advisory Committee for Teens (A.C.T.)

Wednesday, March 15 and Thursday, March 30

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Help make a difference by planning teen activities and excursions, shaping the LFteens.com webpage, volunteer for City events, and be a voice for the community. Teens must have gone through registration and interview to attend. For more information, call 273-6975 or email mvillasenor@lakeforestca.gov.

Casino Pauma -Pauma Valley

Wednesday, March 22

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Lake Forest Community Center (25550 Commercentre Dr.)

Fee: \$10 per person

Try your hand to win big at Casino Pauma from reel slots and video slots to 19 table games, and much more! Grab lunch at one of three available eateries, Pauma Café, The Grove Buffet and the Deli and Pizzeria. Participants will receive a \$5 credit and a \$5 discount on food.



College Workshop: Finding the Right College

Thursday, March 30

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Fee: \$25 Resident and \$30 Non-Resident

Develop the right criteria for selecting the appropriate college in this course designed to prepare high school students for undergraduate education. Participants will learn how to avoid common mistakes in the selection process, standardized testing tips, and how to understand the inner workings of financial aid. Parents are free with paid student and are encouraged to attend.



Band Nights at the Skatepark

Friday, March 31

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest (20028 Lake Forest Dr.)

Fee: Free to attend

Enjoy an all-ages night of music at the Skatepark! For the ninth year, the Skatepark will showcase local music. For updates and the latest shows, check out EtniesSkatepark.com. Interested in playing or have a band you want to play? Email Etniesskatepark@lakeforestca.gov with a link to your website or music.



"Last Fridays" Lounge Nights

Friday, March 31

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.)

Fee: \$5 per person pre-registered and \$7 per person at the door

Give your parents the night off and enjoy good times with friends. There will be video games, dinner and snacks, movie screenings, music, activities, prize raffles, and surprise guest entertainers! Grab your friends and pre-register to receive a discount.

Bunny Blast: An Egg Wonderland

Saturday, April 8

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

El Toro Park (23701 Los Alisos Blvd.)

Fee: \$10 for games, activities, and food

Pre-sale wristbands available at Lake Forest Recreation Center (28000 Rancho Pkwy.) for Lake Forest residents only - Cash Only.



The City is offering two pre-sale registration dates for Lake Forest Residents:
Wednesday, March 22 and Thursday, March 23, both from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Hop on over for a fun-filled day of activities for the whole family including game booths, crafts, face painting, giant Ferris wheel, petting zoo, pony rides, balloon artists and more at Bunny Blast! The event will also feature a Mardi Gras parade and DJ. Don't forget your cameras so you can take pictures with Nectar, Alice, the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat, the White Rabbit, and Hoppy the Spring Bunny.

Etnies Egg-Cellent Egg Hunt and Festival of Colors

Saturday, April 8

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Egg Hunt Starts at 11:15 a.m. sharp

Color Blast starts at 12:00 p.m.

Etnies Skatepark (20028 Lake Forest Dr.)

Fee: \$5 for egg hunt, jumpers, games, crafts, and color blast

Pre-registration is required and space is limited.



Join the fun at Etnies Skatepark's annual holiday egg hunt. Visit the Skateboarding Bunny, play in jump houses, and get crafty. Bring your own basket and don't forget to wear suitable clothes for the Festival of Colors starting at 12:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 7, 2017

[ANNUAL REPORTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION \(Agenda Items 2A and 3A\)](#)

Annually, the City Council receives a report from the Chairs of the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission, highlighting the Commissions' accomplishments and significant actions taken over the past twelve months. Highlights from the Planning Commission included continued progress in the Opportunities Study Area with new home developments approved in the Portola Center, Parkside, and Meritage communities. Highlights from the Parks and Recreation

Commission included approval of the Portola Park Conceptual Plan and continued renovations of ten City Parks.

[DISCUSSION OF POTENTIALLY EXPANDING THE ROLE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO INCLUDE TRAFFIC AND PARKING \(Agenda Item 11\)](#)

The City Council considered the need for a Commission to review and make recommendations regarding traffic-related issues. After considering several options, the Council determined the Planning Commission would manage traffic and parking concerns and voted to expand the meetings to twice per month. Parking and traffic items will be added to the agenda on an as-needed basis, and both meetings will cover planning and traffic issues.

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February 21, 2017

[PRESENTATION FROM COX COMMUNICATIONS ON ENHANCED CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVES \(Agenda Item No. 4\)](#)

The City Council received a presentation from Cox Communications on their efforts to enhance Wi-Fi connectivity within the community, as well as increased internet and bandwidth speeds for both residential and commercial customers. Kristin Camuglia, Government Affairs Manager with Cox in Lake Forest, highlighted the many Cox Wi-Fi hotspots within the community, and spoke regarding the expansion of fiber technology throughout Lake Forest. Ms. Camuglia noted that all new Lake Forest neighborhoods are being wired with high-speed fiber technology, and many other neighborhoods are also seeing installation of this sought-after service.

[ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CR&R INCORPORATED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE \(Agenda Item No. 18\)](#)

CR&R, Incorporated provides solid waste service to the City through a franchise agreement, approved by the City Council in March 2014 and runs through April 30, 2022. Under the terms of the agreement, if CR&R is able to reduce the amount of solid waste being sent to the landfills through enhanced recycle efforts, the company would be eligible for a one-year extension through April 2023. The recycling targets included implementing 200 new commercial recycling bins, 100 new multi-family recycling bins, and 70 new food scrap recycling programs in restaurants and other food waste generators before December 31, 2016. After review of the company's performance, CR&R far exceeded these goals, implementing 286 commercial bins, 157 multi-family bins, and 104 food waste bins. Therefore, the City Council approved the one-year extension of the franchise agreement through 2023.

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